
Bay-Delta Advisory Council Information Booklet

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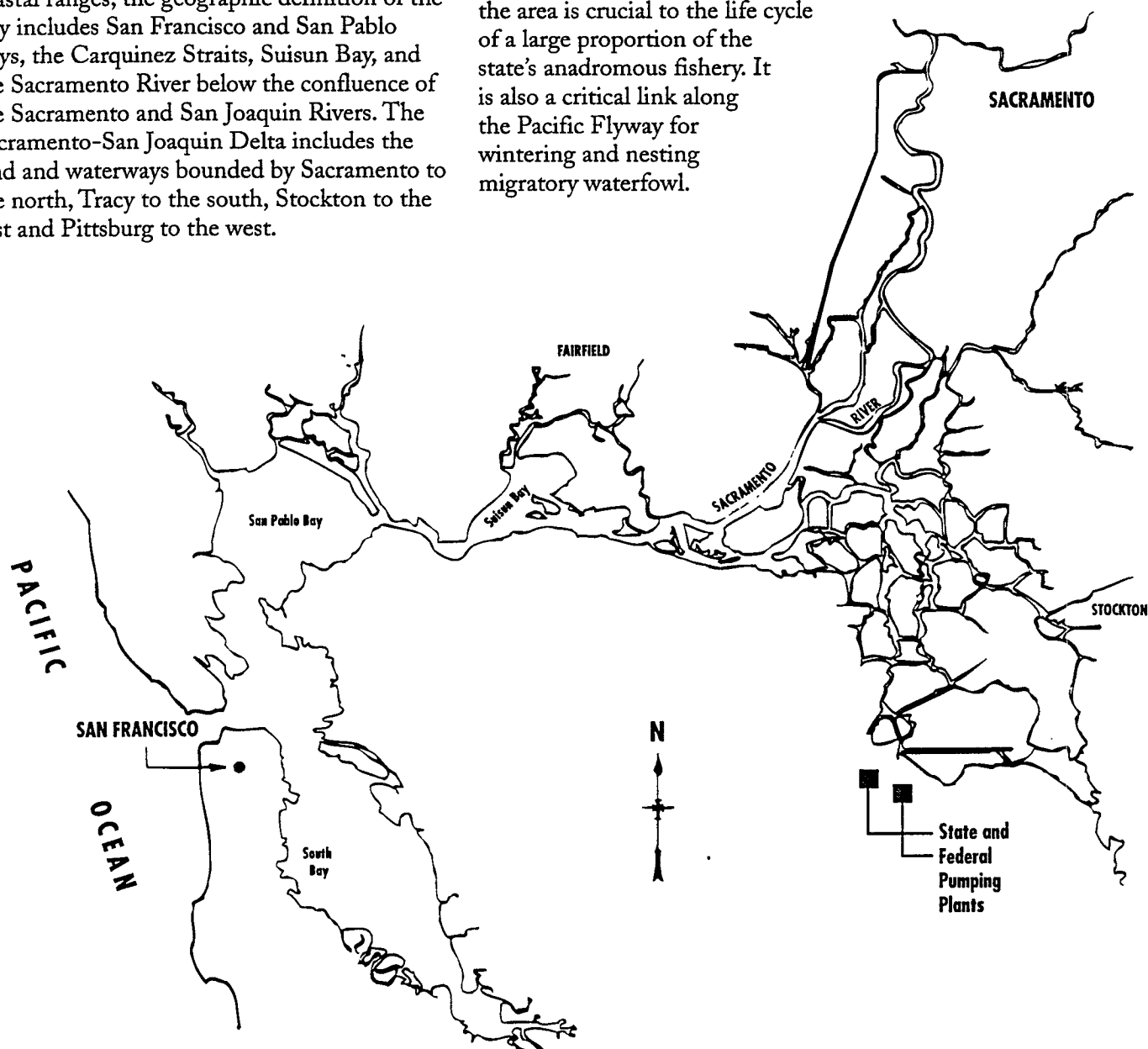
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I. Introduction

The San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary is the largest estuary on the west coast of North and South America. A highly dynamic and complex environment supporting a diverse and productive ecosystem, the Estuary is a significant state, national and international resource.

Bounded to the northwest and southeast by coastal ranges, the geographic definition of the Bay includes San Francisco and San Pablo Bays, the Carquinez Straits, Suisun Bay, and the Sacramento River below the confluence of the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers. The Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta includes the land and waterways bounded by Sacramento to the north, Tracy to the south, Stockton to the east and Pittsburg to the west.

Within this vast area, approximately 40 percent of fresh water runoff from California mixes with water from the Pacific Ocean. The Estuary encompasses 40,000 acres of critical wetlands, including the largest remaining brackish marsh in the United States, and supports 120 species of fish. As the major juncture for salt and fresh water habitats along California's coast, the area is crucial to the life cycle of a large proportion of the state's anadromous fishery. It is also a critical link along the Pacific Flyway for wintering and nesting migratory waterfowl.



In addition to supporting biological resources, the Bay-Delta serves as the primary hub of California's water supply system, providing water for both agricultural and urban uses. The Estuary receives the bulk of its fresh water supply from the San Joaquin and Sacramento Rivers, and provides drinking water for two-thirds of the state and irrigation water for the production of almost half of the nation's fruits and vegetables.

A vital resource for many different users and interests, the Bay-Delta falls under the jurisdiction of a number of state and federal agencies. For years, management of the Estuary has been a difficult and controversial task as the various agencies have attempted to balance environmental, agricultural and community water needs.

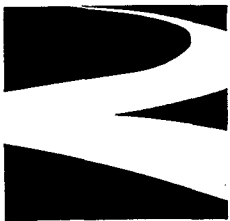
Recently, the Bay-Delta has been the focus of increased attention due to concern about the ecosystem's declining health. The Estuary's fisheries have declined steadily from historic levels and populations of many species have been at record low levels in recent years. A six-year drought and various state and federal regulatory actions have added to the complexity of the problem and increased the need for appropriate and swift action on managing the Estuary.

In June 1994, four federal agencies and the State of California signed a Framework Agreement to coordinate their actions in the Estuary through a comprehensive ecosystem-based approach. This unprecedented cooperation resulted in the landmark December 1994 accord on Bay-Delta resource management. The accord defined specific preliminary actions

to manage the Estuary, and set in motion a cooperative process to develop a long-term resource management strategy.

By demonstrating that state and federal coordination and agreement on the Bay-Delta issue can be achieved, the December accord has presented a unique opportunity for all interested parties to come together in the spirit of cooperation to develop an effective and long-term solution.

This booklet provides background on the various actions and agreements leading up to the initiation of the long-term solution finding process. It includes information on the roles of the state and federal government, the initial framework agreement and the creation of CALFED, the Bay-Delta accord, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC).



CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM

II. Historical Overview and Framework Agreement

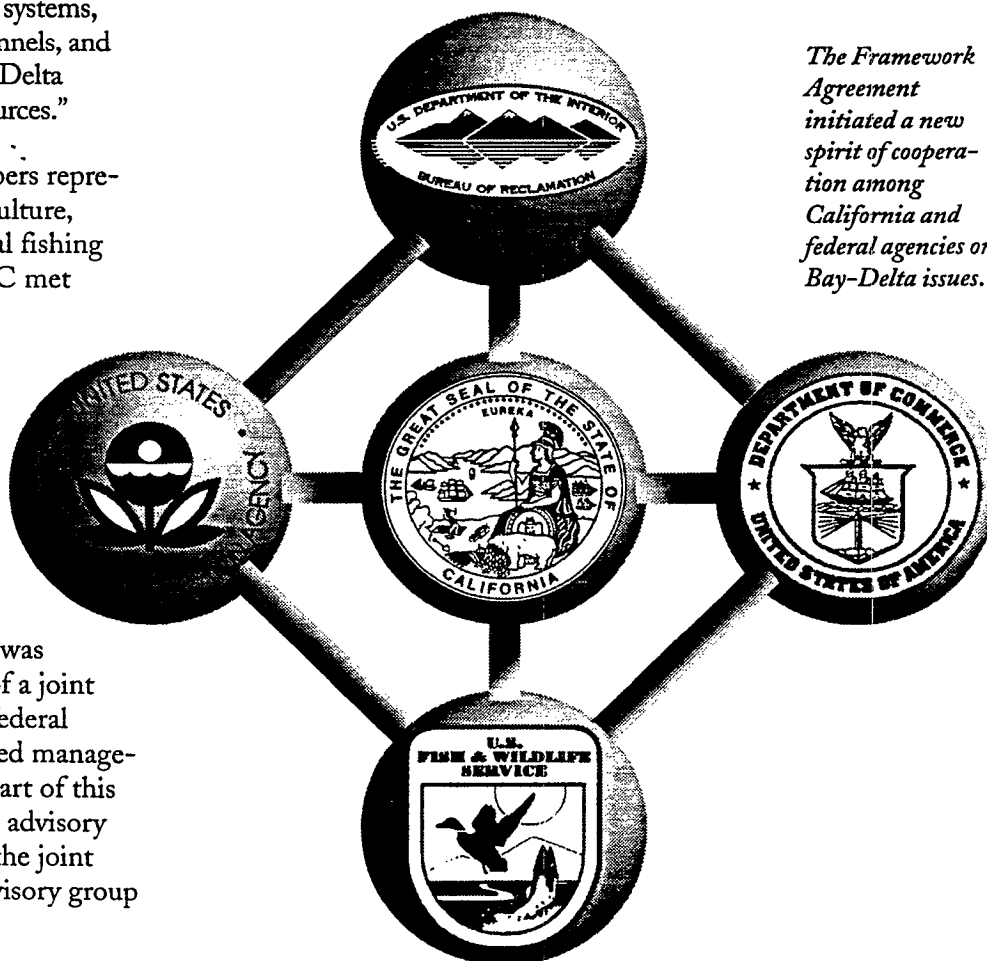
On December 9, 1992, Governor Pete Wilson created the Governor's Water Policy Council of the State of California. The Council consists of representatives of state departments and agencies responsible for implementing state water policy, who together share information and coordinate activities related to the state's long-term water policy.

The Governor also issued an Executive Order in December 1992 establishing the Bay-Delta Oversight Council (BDOC). BDOC's purpose was to "assist and advise the Water Policy Council in the development of a comprehensive program to protect and enhance the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary by addressing water quality concerns, effective design and operation of water export systems, maintenance of Delta levees and channels, and guarantees for protection of the Bay-Delta Estuary and its fish and wildlife resources."

BDOC was comprised of 22 members representing urban water interests, agriculture, commerce and business, commercial fishing and environmental interests. BDOC met beginning in February 1993 and developed a substantial body of work focusing on problem identification and development of evaluation criteria and action options. Technical advisory committees were established to provide technical input into the BDOC work products.

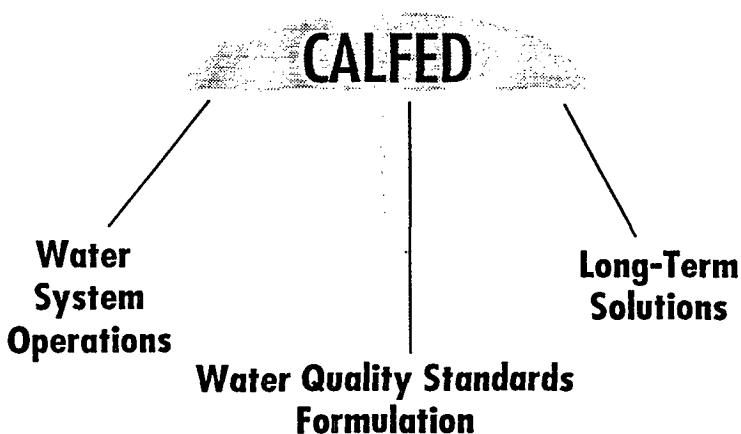
The Bay-Delta Oversight Council was phased out with the development of a joint effort between California and the federal government to develop a coordinated management strategy for the Estuary. As part of this newly developed joint effort, a new advisory group has been established. (Both the joint state/federal effort and the new advisory group are further described below.)

On September 10, 1993, the Federal Ecosystem Directorate (FED) was created to coordinate federal resource protection and management decisions in the Bay-Delta Estuary and its watershed. The FED is comprised of the Bureau of Reclamation, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service and the Environmental Protection Agency. The federal role in the Bay-Delta has focused primarily on listing species as threatened or endangered, conducting consultations under the Federal Endangered Species Act, operating the Central Valley Project, reviewing and, where necessary, promulgating water quality standards under the Clean Water Act and reviewing water development proposals under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.



Both the state and federal government recognize their mutual investment in finding a solution to managing the Bay-Delta. Neither California nor the federal government can develop on its own a balanced and effective management policy for the Estuary. Bay-Delta stakeholders representing a broad range of interests also understand that cooperation is the key to a solution. In response to comments from a broad cross-section of stakeholder groups about the need for greater coordination of efforts, the state and federal governments began to explore options for undertaking a coordinated effort to address the multiple issues and interests in the Bay-Delta.

In June 1994 the Water Policy Council and the Federal Ecosystem Directorate signed a Framework Agreement that represents a new cooperative relationship between the state and federal governments in addressing problems affecting the Bay-Delta. (A copy of the Framework Agreement is included in the Appendix.) The Agreement established a comprehensive program for coordination and communication between the state and federal agencies on environmental protection and water supply dependability in the Estuary.



The Framework Agreement acknowledges the critical importance of the Bay-Delta Estuary to the natural environment and economy of California, and the multiple and complex resource management decisions that must be made to stabilize, protect, restore and enhance the Estuary. The Agreement highlighted three key areas of state and federal coordination on the Bay-Delta. The provisions of the Agreement are outlined below:

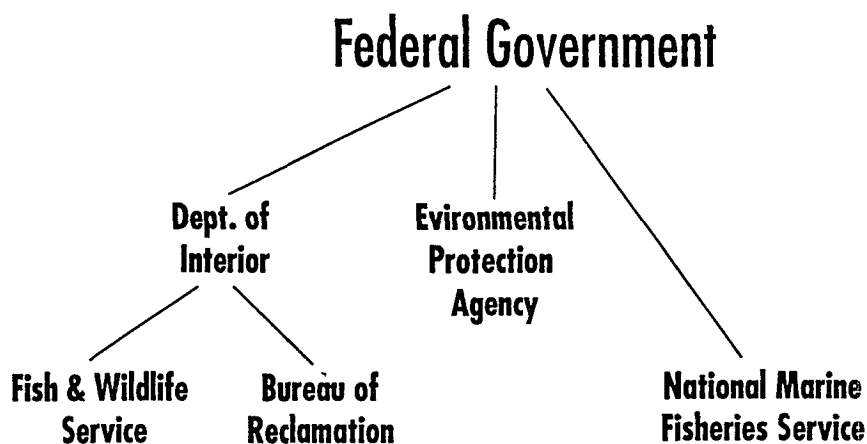
- *Water Quality Standards Formulation*—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will adopt final federal water quality standards for the Bay-Delta in December 1994. The State Water Resources Control Board, in cooperation with federal agencies, will develop a Bay-Delta protection plan that meets both federal and state requirements. EPA will approve the state's plan and withdraw the federal water quality standards.
- *Coordination of Federal and State Water Project Operations with Regulatory Requirements*—Federal and state agencies will coordinate water project operations with the requirements of the Endangered Species Act and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act.
- *Development of a Long-Term Bay-Delta Solution*—The state and federal agencies will jointly develop and implement a long-term process for resolving Bay-Delta environmental and water supply issues. This process will include a citizen advisory committee for additional public guidance.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program can be considered the Agreement's most important effort, as it is intended to develop a long-term management strategy for the Estuary that reflects the complex issues and multiple objectives associated with the Bay-Delta and its stakeholders. The process will be administered through coordinated activities of involved state and federal agencies, and will incorporate full and coordinated compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

In addition to cooperation among government entities, the Agreement recognizes that lasting solutions for the Bay-Delta must include and reflect input from the various publics who have a stake in the management of the Estuary. Providing maximum opportunities for public involvement is a critical component of the solution-finding process.

A committee of citizen advisors, known as the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC), will have a central role in the Bay-Delta Program, assisting CALFED in this cooperative process. BDAC's membership is balanced to represent California's agricultural, environmental, urban and other affected interests. (Section V includes further information on the Bay-Delta Advisory Council.)

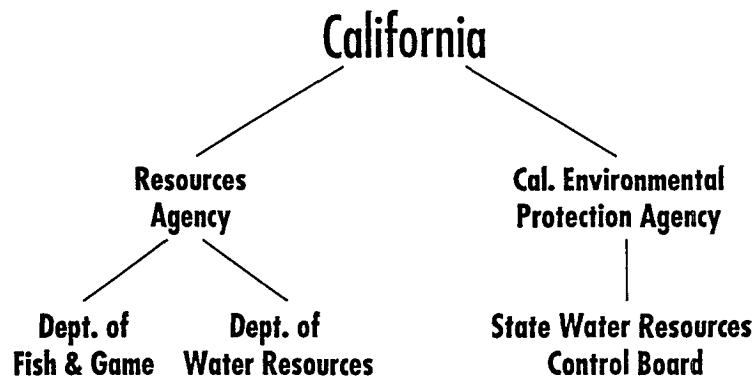
The coordinating agencies and organizations under the Framework Agreement are known collectively as "CALFED". The individual agencies and their respective responsibilities are listed below.



- *Department of the Interior* - This cabinet-level department is responsible for management of federal lands and the nation's natural resources through several agencies including the Bureau of Reclamation, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Bureau of Land Management.
- *Bureau of Reclamation* - This Department of the Interior agency operates federal water projects in the 17 western states including the Central Valley Project in California. It shares with the Fish and Wildlife Service responsibility for implementing the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA).
- *Fish and Wildlife Service* - This Department of the Interior agency conserves, protects, and

enhances fish and wildlife resources throughout the United States. It shares responsibility with the National Marine Fisheries Service for ensuring compliance with the Endangered Species Act. The agency is also responsible, with the Bureau of Reclamation, for implementing the CVPIA.

- *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency* - The EPA enforces federal laws that protect public health and the environment. It oversees state compliance with the Clean Water Act.
- *National Marine Fisheries Service* - This Department of Commerce agency is responsible for management of national ocean fisheries resources and protects anadromous fish species in accordance with the Endangered Species Act.



- *California Resources Agency* - This office oversees 12 state entities, including the Departments of Water Resources and Fish & Game. The Secretary for Resources chairs the Governor's Water Policy Council.
- *California Environmental Protection Agency* - This office oversees six state entities, including the State Water Resources Control Board.
- *Department of Water Resources* - This agency manages state water supplies, statewide water resources planning and operation of the State Water Project.
- *State Water Resources Control Board* - This five-member board appointed by the governor allocates surface water rights for California and regulates, with nine regional boards, state water quality.
- *Department of Fish & Game* - This agency protects and conserves the state's fish, plants and wildlife for their ecological, educational and economic value.

Soon after the Framework Agreement that created CALFED was signed, work began on developing a long-term process to address Bay-Delta management issues. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced management plan for the Bay-Delta that addresses all of the resource problems and the concerns of various stakeholders.

The Agreement requires that the state and federal governments jointly sponsor and manage the long-term solution process. Consequently, CALFED serves as the focal point for the creation of a strategy and process to develop long-term solutions. CALFED also provides policy direction and oversight to the process and will ensure consistency between program policy and statutory requirements. While the ultimate approval authority for any decision rests with the Governor of California and the Secretary of Interior, CALFED will make functional decisions and will serve as the final arbiter of issues that develop during the process.

CALFED developed a structure for the Bay-Delta Program with input from stakeholders and public meetings. A Program Manager was selected by CALFED to head the program team. The Program Manager will work directly with CALFED and is responsible for the following:

- to assure the constructive engagement of state and federal agencies in the long-term process; ensure effective coordination between the Bay-Delta solution process and other related programs and processes, including the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) and Comprehensive Conservation Management Plans (CCMP);
- to secure timely review of program work products, including technical analysis, from their respective agencies and assist in reconciling substantive differences;
- to ensure that CEQA/NEPA evaluation develops information and analysis in the depth and form needed to enable them to make necessary permitting and regulatory decisions.

The Bay-Delta Program team includes staff from state and federal agencies with expertise in the issues that will be addressed by the program including water supply, biological resources, water quality, maintenance and stabilization of levees and channels, CEQA/NEPA processes, administration and budget. Team members were selected by the Program Manager and are based at the State Resources Agency Building in Sacramento, California.

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Develop clear definition of problems and issues and a range of solution alternatives.

Prepare first-tier EIR/EIS to comply with NEPA and CEQA and to identify impacts of various alternatives.

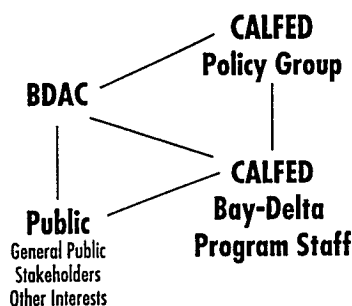
Prepare second-tier EIR/EIS for each element of the selected alternative.



The Bay-Delta Program is designed to function in three phases. Phase 1 focuses on developing a clear definition of the problems and issues to be addressed and a range of solution alternatives. In Phase 2, a program level or first-tier Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) will be prepared, in compliance with CEQA and NEPA, to identify impacts associated with the various alternatives. Finally, in Phase 3, a project-level or second-tier EIR/EIS will be prepared for each element of the selected alternative.

In order to capitalize on the current climate of cooperation, Phase 1 of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is scheduled to be completed by Spring 1996. The ambitious workplan for this phase includes identifying issues and developing a range of alternatives, preparing a Notice of Intent and Notice of Preparation pursuant to NEPA and CEQA, and conducting public scoping sessions to determine the focus and content of the EIR/EIS.

Phase 1 will begin with tasks designed to develop general public and stakeholder agreement on the scope and definition of the Bay-Delta problem and the goals and objectives for the long-term solution. Simultaneously, tasks will be initiated to identify and evaluate creative ideas for resource solutions. Promising solutions will be organized into alternatives, each consisting of a set of conceptually-described actions and facilities. A process of evaluating, reformulating and improving solution options will then be conducted to reach shared agreement on the alternatives that will be carried to Phase 2 environmental review.



Public and stakeholder input is an important component of the Bay-Delta Program, and is vital to the development of a realistic Bay-Delta solution that is broadly accepted. Public workshops were held in September 1994 to provide information and gather input about the proposed strategy, structure and process for developing a long-term solution.

Public input will be incorporated into the Bay-Delta Program through BDAC and outreach to stakeholders, the general public and other interests.

Phase 1 of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program will be an open and collaborative process that considers all reasonable options for addressing Bay-Delta problems related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, water quality, and levee and channel vulnerability to natural disasters. The process is designed to ensure effective participation by all interested parties, and includes extensive efforts to obtain public input through workshops and other means. The Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC) will serve as the formal citizens' advisory mechanism, providing input and guidance on the process and issues that affect public interest and values.

V. Bay-Delta Advisory Council

The Framework Agreement between the Water Policy Council and the Federal Ecosystem Directorate stipulated that the public must have a central role in the development of a long-term Bay-Delta solution. A group of citizen advisors to the process has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act as the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC).

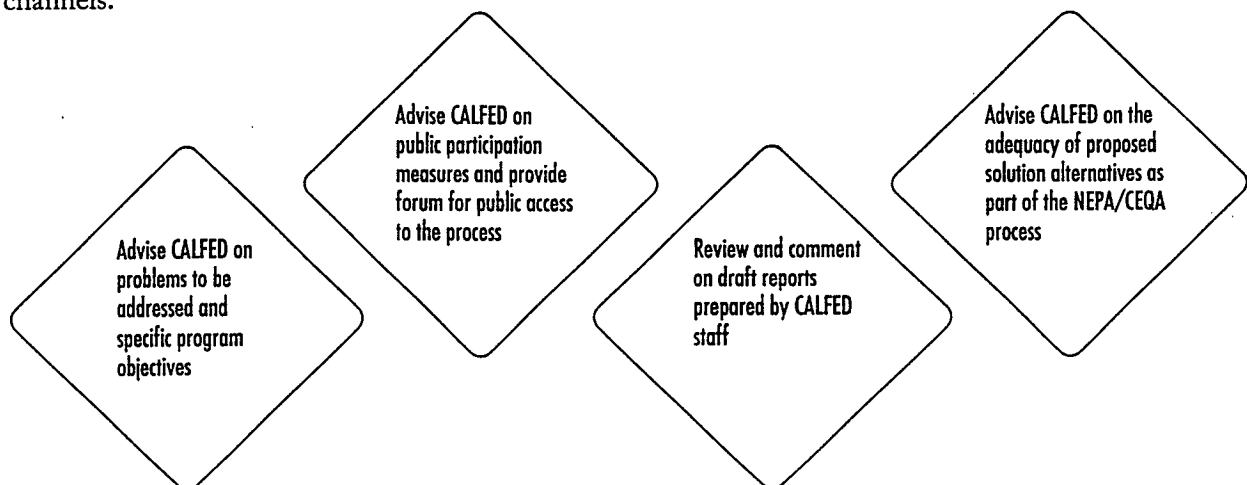
Membership of the Council has been selected from California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business and other interests to reflect the wide variety of groups and interests having a stake in the estuary and its management. The 30-plus BDAC members have been jointly selected by the U.S. Secretary of the Interior and the California Resources Secretary.

The purpose of BDAC is to provide advice and guidance to CALFED's Bay-Delta Program for the Bay-Delta Estuary. BDAC will provide a public perspective on Bay-Delta issues and the solution-finding process. Public-focused values on which BDAC will provide input include water quality, protection of the Bay-Delta Estuary and its fish and wildlife resources, effective planning and operation of water systems and maintenance of Delta levees and channels.

Specific BDAC Responsibilities

- Advise CALFED on the Problem Definition, including both the problems to be addressed and a specific set of objectives for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program
- Advise CALFED on measures to be taken to ensure public participation and to provide a forum for public access to and comment on the process
- Review and comment on draft reports prepared by CALFED staff including program objectives, solution alternatives and alternative evaluation criteria
- Advise CALFED on the adequacy of proposed solution alternatives as part of the NEPA/CEQA environmental documentation process

The Bay-Delta Advisory Council will meet quarterly (at a minimum) or more frequently at the call of the Chairperson. BDAC meetings will be open to the public and will be announced in the Federal Register. BDAC is expected to exist until the NEPA/CEQA environmental documentation process is completed.



Specific BDAC Responsibilities

BDAC Member Biographies

Tib Belza, of Yuba City, is Chairman of the Northern California Water Association. He currently farms approximately 200 acres of rice in Yuba County and has operated a farm since 1979. He served on the Yuba County Board of Supervisors from 1989 to 1992, and on the Yuba/Sutter Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Roberta Borgonovo, of San Francisco, is Water Director for the League of Women Voters of California. She is also Coordinator of the Environmental Water Leadership Council and was recently elected Convener of the California Urban Water Conservation Council. She is active as a board member of the Greenbelt Alliance and a Trustee of the California Academy of Sciences.

Don Bransford, of Colusa, is President of the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District and serves as Vice Chairman of the Northern California Water Association. He is Vice Chairman of the Farmers Rice Cooperative, a Director of the California Rice Industry Association and is a member of the Grower Liaison Committee for Blue Diamond Growers. Bransford owns and operates Bransford Farms.

Harrison C. (Hap) Dunning, of Davis, has served as Chair of the Bay Institute of San Francisco since 1984. He is also a professor of law at the University of California, Davis. Dunning has served as Staff Director of the Governor's Commission to Review California Water Rights Law, a member of the California Water Commission, a member of the Committee for Water Policy Consensus, and Director of the U.C. Davis Program in Law and the Environment.

John V. (Jack) Foley, of Laguna Niguel, is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and is General Manager of the Moulton Niguel Water District. He is also a member of the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. Foley is a member of the Board of Directors of the California Water Resources Association and a Trustee of the Southern California Water Committee. He was recently honored as the 1995 Engineer of the Year by the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering.

Howard Frick, of Arvin, is President of the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District. Frick is a member of the Friant Water Users Authority Board of Directors. He also serves on the boards of directors of the Delta Restoration Coalition and the Western Growers Association. Frick is a second generation farmer and has operated farms in the San Joaquin Valley for 38 years.

Thomas J. Graff, of Oakland, is Senior Attorney for the Environmental Defense Fund. Previously, he was a lecturer at Boalt School of Law and visiting professor of law at Harvard Law School. Graff has been active in several organizations, including the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Western Water Management Change, the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Program Citizens' Committee, the Colorado River Board of California, the San Francisco Bay-Delta Preservation Association, the California League of Conservation Voters, and the Planning and Conservation League.

David J. Guy, of Sacramento, is an attorney in the California Farm Bureau Federation Department of Environmental Advocacy, with emphasis in water law, land use, other natural resources, and related litigation. Guy is a frequent lecturer on water and land use matters throughout the state, and he has published several articles in professional journals.

Stephen Hall, of Sacramento, is Executive Director of the Association of California Water Agencies. Prior to joining ACWA, he served as Executive Director of the California Farm Water Coalition and the Land Preservation Association. Hall is Vice President of the State Reclamation Board and holds posts on the University of California at Davis Land, Air and Water Advisory Board and the U.S. Committee on Irrigation and Drainage.

Eric Hasseltine, of Lafayette, is Director and Past President of the Contra Costa Council and a partner in Hasseltine Best, a consulting firm. He was a Contra Costa County Supervisor, representing the entire Delta area of the county, and served as the Contra Costa representative on the Delta Advisory Planning Council. Hasseltine is a member of the Board of Regents of John F. Kennedy University.

Alex Hildebrand, of Manteca, has been a Director of the South Delta Water Agency since its formation, and is President of the Delta Water Users Association. He is also President of Reclamation District 2075 and the San Joaquin River Flood Control Association and serves as a Director of the Central Valley Flood Control Association and the Water Education Foundation. Hildebrand is a professional engineer and owner of a family farm.

Richard Izmirian, of San Carlos, is active in several organizations that support the interests of recreational anglers. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, and past President of the Northern California Council Federation of Fly Fishers. He is also a Director and Assistant Vice President of the National Federation of Fly Fishers. Since 1982, Izmirian has served as a member of the California Striped Bass Advisory Committee of the California Department of Fish and Game.

Rosemary C. Kamei, of San Jose, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Santa Clara Valley Water District and also manages her own small business. She is a member of the California Association of Nurserymen, the California Chrysanthemum Growers Association, the California Farm Bureau, the California Poinsettia Growers Association and the Associated Bedding Plant Growers.

Leland Lehman, of Suisun, is past president of the California Waterfowl Association and a member of the Association's Executive Committee. He is currently Manager of the Suisun Resource Conservation District. Lehman is a civil engineer who has designed and supervised the construction of many wetland projects in the Bay-Delta region. He is also Chairman of the Solano County Fish and Game Habitat Committee and has been Planning Commission Chairman for the City of Vallejo.

Thomas S. Maddock, of Newport Beach, is a member of the Board of Directors of the California Chamber of Commerce and serves as Chairman of the Chamber's Water Resources Committee. He is also Chairman of the Board of Boyle Engineering Corporation and is a registered engineer in 18 states. Maddock was named "Engineer of the Year" for 1992 by the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering and is the author of many papers on technical and professional issues.

Mike Madigan, of San Diego, is a member of the California Water Commission and previously served 14 years on the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Water Authority. He also was a member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and has served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce and Chairman of the Chamber's Water Committee.

Michael Mantell, of Sacramento, was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson as Undersecretary for The Resources Agency of California in January, 1991. He develops and implements resource priorities for the state to ensure effective policy development and coordination. He was the General Counsel of World Wildlife Fund, directed the Land, Heritage and Wildlife Program of The Conservation Foundation, and worked as a senior staff member to the National Wetlands Policy Forum.

Pat McCarty, of Stockton, is Chair of the Delta Protection Commission and is President and Chief Executive Officer of the McCarty Company which provides business, financial and management services to agriculture. He also is involved in the management of Delta agricultural property for the Department of Water Resources, and manages the Kern Water Bank groundwater conjunctive use program for the Kern County Water Agency.

Michael W. McDonald, of Roseville, is General Manager of the Northern California Power Agency and is Chairman of the Transmission Agency of Northern California. He served on the Boards of Directors of several joint powers agencies before assuming his current position.

Sunne Wright McPeak, of San Francisco, is President and Chief Executive Officer of the Bay Area Economic Forum. Previously, she was a Contra Costa County Supervisor and operated her own management consulting firm. McPeak served as Chair of the Committee for Water Policy Consensus and Co-chair of the State Water Conservation Coalition. She is a founder of the California Council on Partnerships and a Director of the California Foundation for the Environment and the Economy.

Ann Notthoff, of San Francisco, is a staff member with the Natural Resources Defense Council and is an expert on California coastal zone management issues including land use, offshore energy development, oil spill prevention, and ocean water quality. Notthoff is on the boards of directors of the California League of Conservation Voters and the League for Coastal Protection.

Pietro Parravano, of Half Moon Bay, is President of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations and is a member of the Board of Directors of the California Seafood Council. He advised the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the U. S. EPA on strategies for disposal or use of dredge materials from San Francisco Bay, as well as served on the Local Fisheries Impact Program. Parravano is the owner and operator of a commercial fishing vessel.

Roger K. Patterson, of Sacramento, is Regional Director of the Mid-Pacific Region of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and oversees the management of Bureau water projects in the Region which encompasses the northern two-thirds of California, most of northern Nevada, and a small part of southern Oregon. He is in charge of the Central Valley Project in California.

Stuart T. Pyle, of Bakersfield, is a consulting civil engineer in water resources. He was General Manager of the Kern County Water Agency for 17 years and continues to advise the Agency as a consultant and is very active in Bay-Delta issues. Pyle worked for the Bechtel Corporation, Leeds Hill-Deleuw Engineers and the California Department of Water Resources conducting extensive planning for the development and export of water from the Eel and Trinity rivers.

Robert F. Raab, of Oakland, is a director with the Save San Francisco Bay Association and has held positions as Water Chair and Vice President. He is retired from the public relations department of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Raab's involvement with state and federal water policy issues has included research, publicity, policy formation, consultation with legislators and governmental agencies.

Judith Redmond, of Davis, is Executive Director of the Community Alliance with Family Farmers. She is also owner and working partner of a 170 acre diversified farm. Redmond serves on the Boards of Directors of the Bio Integral Resources Center, the California Institute for Rural Leadership and Education, and the Center for Urban Education About Sustainable Agriculture.

Ray Remy, of Los Angeles, is President of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce. He is Vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of Claremont McKenna College, and has received many awards for outstanding contributions to his community. Remy was Chief of Staff to Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley.

Marcia Sablan is Mayor of the City of Firebaugh and is a physician specializing in family practice. She was medical director of the Fresno County Firebaugh Health Center and was a Peace Corps volunteer in El Salvador. Dr. Sablan represents Firebaugh on the League of Cities and the Council of Governments. She was California Family Physician of the Year in 1992.

Jean Sagouspe, of Los Banos, is President of the Central Valley Project Water Association and Chairman of the Board of the Central Valley Project Authority. He is a Director of the San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority and President of the San Luis Water District. Sagouspe currently owns and operates over 5,000 acres of farmland in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mary L. Selkirk, of Berkeley, is a member of the Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District. She has also served as Chair of the Northern California/Nevada Regional Sierra Club Water Committee and the Water Committee of the Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club. She is a licensed family therapist with a private practice in Berkeley. Selkirk has extensive experience as a whitewater rafting guide throughout the West. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the California Urban Water Conservation Council.

Roger Strelow, of San Francisco, is a partner in the law firm of Beveridge and Diamond which represents clients in environmental matters. He was Vice President for Environmental Affairs of Bechtel Corporation and served as General Electric's Vice President for Corporate Environmental Programs. Strelow was Assistant Administrator for Air & Waste Management of the U.S. EPA.

Roger Thomas, of Sausalito, is President of the Golden Gate Fishermen's Association. He is currently a member of the Coastal Pelagic Fisheries Advisory Subpanel to the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and is a California Charter Boat Advisor to the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission. Thomas is a member of the Fish and Game Directors Industry Advisory Panel and served on the National Sea Grant Review Panel. He owns and operates commercial passenger fishing vessels.